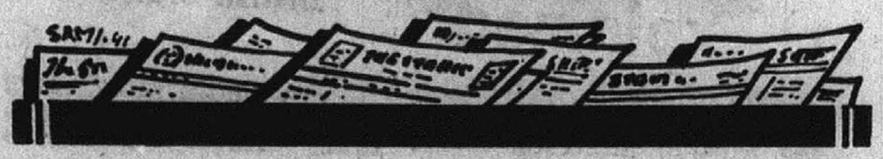
Mr. Huq's Defection

Commenting on the defection of Mr. Fazlul Huq the *Asra Jadid* of Calcutta says:—

In short Mr. Huq has done what a Muslim ought not to have done in anv circumstance whatsoever—trying to break Muslim solidarity only to please the Hindus. We are well aware that the Hindus are very loud in their praise of Mr. Huq because he has handed over to them the governance of Bengal. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, who had taken a great part in opposing the Pakistan scheme and who has often said: "India belongs to Hindus", is now an ally of Mr. Huq. Although Mr. Huq has not been able to tell us the broad principles upon which he wants to unite the Hindus and the Muslims of Bengal,

PRESS



but it is quite evident that the alleged principle is to remain a puppet in the hands of the Hindus in lieu of some prize posts.—*Asra Jadid*, Calcutta.

The Last Hope

Commenting on the statement of Mr. M. N. Roy in which he had advised Hindu leaders to think over the Pakistan scheme coolly, the *Sarosh* of Bombay says:

The Muslim League has not put forward the Pakistan scheme with intent to create chaos or scheme confusion in the continent of India. On the contrary the scheme is intended to bring harmony and peace and is no doubt the best solution of the Indian problem. The main object is that both the Hindus and the Muslims may be able to live an honourable and independent life in their own spheres and that they may thrive according to their own lights, unmolested by the other.

Pakistan will set at rest the communal wrangle in the continent. Those Hindu leaders who have been dreaming of Hindu Raj are doing positive disservice to India by opposing the Pakistan scheme, thereby destroying the last hope of a settlement.—*Sarosh*, Bombay.

No Room for Traitors

Commenting on the expulsion of Mr. Huq the *Haque* of Lucknow says:

By expelling Mr. Huq from the League for an indefinite period Mr. Jinnah has proved that there is no room in the organisation for traitors who are amenable to sacrifice national interests for their personal benefits. Indeed, Mr. Jinnah deserves congratulation for that step which has once again established that the Muslim League is a powerful organisation and that it does not exist upon some individuals. We appeal to the Bengal Muslims to prove, by organising the League in every village of the province, that the treachery of Mr. Fazlul Huq or, for that matter, of any other Muslim traitor, would not adversely affect the power and prestige of the League. The Bengal Muslims have to afford yet another instance of their awakening by throwing Mr. Huq off the Government—*Haque*, Lucknow.

Jinnah: A Study in Greatness

By **Habib F. Merchant**

Contemporary life in India is studded with a wealth of great and brilliant lives, Mr. Mahomed Ali Jinnah being one of the most outstanding and certainly the greatest in Muslim India. By sheer dint of ability and character he has made himself the undisputed leader of the Muslims and is affectionately called QA'ID-E-AZAM.

The personality of Mr. Jinnah has dominated the public life of India for the last 35 years and his career is full of many brilliant achievements But the grandest of them all was when in the recent momentous crisis which faced the League, threatening it with disruption, he uncompromisingly stood up for the League as the only representative and authoritative body of the Musalmans, and by his remarkable statesmanship achieved triumph both for himself and the League. The courage displayed won the greatest admiration, and even his opponents were constrained to remark that Mr. Jinnah is nothing if not courageous. Courage, fearlessness instense faith in himself, sincerity, tremendous self-respect and dignity are some of the dominant traits of his character.

Character

Character transcends circumstanes, forsooth character is destiny, and if ever this saying was proved it is in the case of Jinnah. His greatness is neither an accident nor a fortuitous event, but is the result of a great character, for greatest is merely a concomitant of a great character. Muslim youths, who dream of achieving greatness, should take a lesson from the life of this great man. Just as Napolean did not have the word "Impossible" in his dictionary so also Jinnah has no such word as "Fear" in his.

My searching mind was charmed by his defiant dignity and "I am the Monarch of all I survey" attitude. He abhors oily pose of pseudo-modesty and mock humility.

Whatever may be the political differences, his adversaries have acknowledged his extreme sincerity of purpose and selfless work. There is not a single instance in his long and singularly brilliant career when he has over compromised his ideals or sacrificed his independence for the sake of personal gain and self advancement. He has shunned successfully and courageously and, of course, with disdain, the two demoralising and corrupting influences—titles and appointments. We see the unedifying spectacle of men hankering after titles and appointments, no matter at what price. But away from this nauseating scene we see a compelling sight—Jinnah standing aloof, irrepoachable.

Realist

Mr. Jinnah is a realist first and foremost. The great good he has done is in saving politics from being clouded over confused and confounded by metaphysics and moonshine. He is no doctrinnaire, he is no visionary, and he has striven most to keep politics on a practical plane. When the Congress under Mr. Gandhi's influence adopted the abstruse creed of *Ahimsa* and the cult of *Charkha*, Mr. Jinnah left that party where he was one of the most respected leaders, and joined the Muslim League whose destiny he has now guided for the last 25 years with such consummate skill and untiring zeal. Such is this remarkable man, who wherever he is he cannot help finding himself.

The same passion for freedom and liberty which was the guiding star of Mr. Jinnah's political ability in the beginning of his public life moves him today when he has put forward his present solution of Indian political problem based on division of the country, with the solid and unanimous support of the Muslims of India. Mr. Jinnah's realism, keen sense of understanding and remarkable insight, with varied and long experience of public life, have made him realise that the Hindus and the Muslim are really two separate people and despite the fact that the fates have thrown them together in one sub-continent and notwithstanding the centuries

(Continued on page 10)